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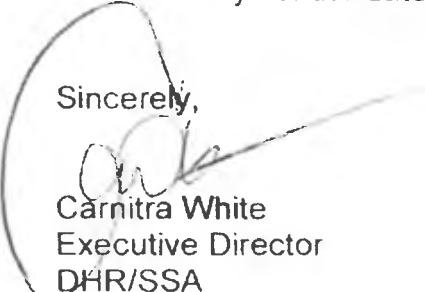
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To whom it may concern:

The Maryland Department of Human Resources/Social Services Administration (DHR/SSA) is preparing to issue a Statement of Need (SON) for the expansion of a residential child care (RCC) program to the Eastern Shore of Maryland. The SON is defined in COMAR 14.31.09.03B (9). This SON is based on the need for intensive, highly structured, and therapeutic RCC services on the Eastern Shore for males between the ages of 11-18. These services will allow youth currently placed outside the region, whose primary region of residence is on the Eastern Shore, to be closer to their homes. There is currently only one RCC facility on the Eastern Shore providing high intensity services.

Pursuant to COMAR 14.31.09.04 B, we are providing this opportunity to comment on the proposed SON. Please e-mail any comments in writing to Darlene Ham, Interim Executive Director of the Office of Licensing and Monitoring at dham@dhr.state.md.us within five (5) business days of the date of this letter. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


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